Credit medical facility to the Ministry staff

103. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all employees of his Ministry have been given credit facility for treatment in private hospitals on Government panel, whereas the same facility is not available to other Central Government employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this discrimination;

(c) whether Government plans to do away with this discriminatory policy and provide the facility to all other Central Government employees; and

(d) if so, by when a decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is not possible to give credit facilities to other Central Government employees because their bills are settled by their respective Ministries/Departments, whereas in the case of pensioners and officials of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the bills are directly settled by the CGHS.

Inadequate consumption of MSME products

†104. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether inadequate consumption of the products produced by micro, small and medium enterprises can be attributed to lack of advertisement;

(b) if so, the expenditure to be incurred on this issue during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) the names of countries, the products of which are ahead of us in terms of consumption of products produced by these enterprises;

(d) whether any Group of Ministers has been constituted to consider the issue of self dependence by encouraging Swadeshi; and

(e) if so, the suggestions made by the Group and to what extent they have been implemented alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) One of the major problems faced by the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) relates to marketing of products produced by the MSMEs. To assist the MSMEs in this endeavour, the Government is implementing a Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme under which, *inter-alia*, assistance is provided to the MSMEs for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

participating in the international trade fairs/exhibitions, adoption of Bar Coding, etc. The total outlay proposed under the MDA Programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 48 crore.

(c) In view of the varying definition of MSME's in different countries, no comparative data on consumption of products produced by the MSME's is available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Release of grant under Small Industrial Cluster Development Programme

105. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted two proposals under Small Industries Cluster Development Programme for sanction and the release of Central grant for the same; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and by when Central approval and financial assistance are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has approved proposals of Hubli-Dharwad Auto Cluster and Food Cluster, Gulbarga for assistance under Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), earlier known as Small Industries Cluster Development Programme (SICDP). The details of both the proposals are provided in the Statement to this reply (*See* below). The administrative approvals for setting up of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) for both the proposals have already been issued and the Government of India (GoI) grant will be released after the confirmation regarding the contribution of State Government and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and completion of necessary infrastructure.

For Soft Interventions (eg. capacity building, training, etc.) Rs. 5.25 lakh. and Rs. 60,000 have already been released for Hubli-Dharwad Auto Cluster, Hubli and Food Cluster, Gulburga, respectively.

Statement

Details of the proposals submitted by Karnataka State Government

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Soft Intervention (capacity building, training, etc.		Hard Intervention (setting up of common facility centre)	
1	2	3		4	
1.	Hubli Dharwad Auto Cluster	Project cost :	12.60	Project cost :	485.00
		GoI assistance :	10.00	GoI assistance :	339.50
		Contribution of SPV:	2.60	Govt. of Karnataka :	97.00
				Contribution of SPV :	48.50